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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Office Action dated January 31, 2007 and the Advisory Action dated April 16, 2007, of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting Claims 1-23.

A check in the amount of \$500.00 is enclosed in payment of the Notice of Appeal filing fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees connected with this communication or credit any overpayment to Munck Butrus Deposit Account No. 50-0208.

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